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TSUGANE et al.)
Serial No. 09/759,715) Examiner: Magee, Thomas J.
Filed: January 13, 2001)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND METHODS)
FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME)

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A. Non-English Language References

- Enclosed is a search report for a counterpart application. The search report Examiner has provided comments on the relevancy of any non-English language references cited in the search report.
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- The Notice of Reasons of Rejection for Japanese Patent Application 2000-005336 (from which priority is claimed for U.S. Application No. 09/759,715) cites the following Japanese patent references: JP09-232531, JP11-150248, and JP11-317503. The Notice of Reasons of Rejection for Japanese Patent Application 2000-005335 (from which priority is claimed for U.S. Serial No. 09/759,915) cites the following Japanese patent references cited on the attached form PTO-1449 including JP09-321242, JP09-232531, JP11-150248, JP11-330272, JP11-214656, JP11-074487, JP10-284702, and JP11-317503. An

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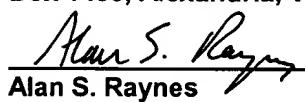
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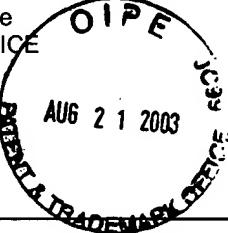
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